

H. Res. 228

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

May 3, 2005.

Whereas the Vietnamese who resettled in the United States after the events of April 1975 have, through perseverance and hard work, been able to rebuild their lives and form a vibrant community across the United States, nearly a million and a half strong, which contributes in many significant ways to the richness and diversity of American society;

Whereas the large flow of refugees to the United States and elsewhere was caused by the fall of the Republic of Vietnam to the Communist forces of North Vietnam in April 1975, resulting in a world refugee crisis of historic proportions, the exodus of millions of Vietnamese, and hundreds of thousands of deaths at sea;

Whereas since 1975, Vietnamese Americans have worked tirelessly to promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam;

Whereas the United States honors all members of the United States Armed Forces and members of the South Vietnamese forces who fought in the Vietnam conflict, including those individuals who gave the ultimate sacrifice, their lives, for the cause of freedom during such conflict; and

Whereas the interests of the United States with respect to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam will be best served when the Vietnamese people fully enjoy the exercise of their basic human rights regardless of politics, religion, gender, or ethnic origin: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) honors the significant contributions of Vietnamese Americans to the richness, diversity, and success of American society;

(2) observes the 30th anniversary of the large exodus of refugees from Vietnam when the Republic of Vietnam fell to the Communist forces of North Vietnam;

(3) supports all individuals taking part in events in Washington, D.C. and across the United States to commemorate these momentous events in world history;

(4) honors the memory of those Vietnamese who lost their lives in that refugee exodus; and

(5) urges all citizens of the United States to share in remembering these events and working toward the full realization of freedom, democracy, and equality for all the people of Vietnam.

Attest:

Clerk.